

BIG THREE AND REPARATIONS

DEMAND FOR HOUSES WEST HARTLEPOOL PROGRESS

West Hartlepool Corporation has been empowered by the Ministry of Health to invite tenders or negotiate with contractors for the erection of 80 permanent houses on the Seaton Lane Estate, and 76 on the Dyke House Estate as soon as the plans have been approved by the Ministry.

The Housing Committee recommends that tenders be asked to quote for the erection of specified numbers of houses—20, 40 or 80, and if necessary a special meeting of the Housing Committee will be called to consider the tenders and decide whether local builders should be asked to enter into contracts for the building of specified numbers at agreed prices, in order to expedite the scheme.

The Housing Committee will, on Thursday, ask the Town Council for plenary powers to accept tenders.

The Government has decided to grant licenses to private builders to erect small houses during the present building season providing the houses are of a size ranging from 800 to 1,000 superficial feet in the case of two story dwellings or from 730 to 930 superficial feet in the case of one story houses, and subject to a competitive contract or selling price, varying according to size, and subject to an overriding maximum price of £1,200, including land, roads and services.

THE TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The Housing Committee asks the Council for plenary powers to deal with all applications from private builders for licenses to build, and also with applications to carry out works of repair and maintenance of buildings.

The Housing Committee further recommends that the rent for temporary houses should be 10s plus rates and water rate.

About 500 applications have so far been received for the tenancy of temporary houses, and these applications have been examined by Coun. Mrs. W. Beward and Coun. J. Metcalfe, who have selected 120 for service and ex-service cases and 26 civilian cases for investigation.

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THE PETAIN TRIAL

Long before the war, M. Reynaud said, Marshal Petain was opposed to the fortification of the northern frontier against the advice of Marshal Foch and General Weygand.

Report Causes Shock in France

THE sudden departure from Paris for Berlin of M. Alexander Bogomolov, Soviet Ambassador to France, was linked in well-informed circles here to-day with what the French Press has overnight dubbed a new "reparations scandal," reports Reuter from Paris.

British Press reports, alleging that a secret agreement was made at Yalta for the division of the reparations to be extracted from Germany, caused a shock in all French circles.

This was further aggravated by a report that an agreement on reparations had been reached by the Big Three's reparations delegates in Moscow in which France and her claims find no place.

Despite the demand on the limited space of French papers caused by the Petain trial, practically all the papers gave a front page display to the reparations question.

Commenting on the report that the Big Three might pass on the parts of the Big Three to other nations, "L'Ordre" said: "This gives the Big Three a political trump card and reduces us to the level of beggars. No country least of all France—could accept such a compromise."

OFFICIAL ANXIETY

In well-informed circles it is pointed out first that it had always been understood that France would be consulted on a footing of equality when it came to discussing Germany's reparations and her future political status, and secondly, that the French Government was given to understand when M.

Bidault was in London some months ago that no secret agreements were made at Yalta.

While official opinion is guarded and awaits confirmation of the reported decisions by the Big Three, high officials make no secret about their anxiety at the position.

His argument, shared by every Frenchman, is that France went into this war with the Allies and that as a result of the war, she has probably suffered more material damage than any other ally except Russia.

In the preliminary report by one of the National Assembly's commissions, the cost of reconstruction of houses, bridges, roads, and factories is placed at £12,500,000,000 compared with the reported total reparations agreed at Yalta of £5,000,000,000—while the labour shortage in France is estimated at between two million and three million workers.

COAL PROBLEM

The feeling is widespread here that any plan which puts France in a position of having to bargain for her share with one or other of the Big Three cannot fail to place France under considerable political pressure.

Another point worrying the authorities here and which was given consideration by to-day's Cabinet meeting is that the reported allocations of German reparations may ruin France's chances of getting a minimum of coal from the Ruhr in time to prevent this winter in France going on record as worse than any winter under the German occupation.

If Russia considers Silesian coal as Polish, and therefore excluded from the reparations pool, will the Soviet Union still want 56 per cent of the Ruhr coal, is the question asked here.

CLOSE VOTE Middlesbro' Catholic Grammar School

Middlesbrough Education Committee, by seven votes to six, yesterday decided to support the applications of the Governors of St. Mary's College and St. Mary's Convent School for continued recognition as direct grant schools.

The Director of Education (Mr. Stanley Hirst), explaining the anomaly of the future, said that if the schools continued direct grant schools, some Roman Catholic parents would be under the obligation to pay fees for a grammar school education for their children, while other secondary grammar school education in the town would be free. There would be a complete divorce as between Roman Catholic grammar school education and other types of Roman Catholic secondary education.

The Governors, he said, would be able to run a preparatory department in connexion with their grammar schools, while the Committee were prohibited from so doing, and the governors would be free from any quota or other restrictions relating to staff and could, if they so desired, pay salaries in excess of the Burnham scales.

Alderman A. Elstrop said the question had been thrashed out by representatives of the North Riding County Council, the Durham County Council and Middlesbrough Council at a conference attended by representatives of the Roman Catholic authorities. He had not heard one new argument raised to alter the opinion of that meeting, which was almost unanimously against the applications.

Japanese railwaymen have been ordered to organize the first people's volunteer combat force under the new Home Guard scheme, the Japanese News Agency reported to-day.

FORMER A.D.C. TO KING LORD SCARBOROUGH'S £157,000 ESTATE

Unsettled estate value of £157,248 gross, with net personality £122,328, was left by the 10th Earl of Scarborough, of Sandbeck Park, Rotherham, and Lord Castle, Durham.

Lord Scarborough was a breeder of bloodstock and a former A.D.C. to the King.

Mr. Joseph William Mountney Holmes, of Priory Mill, Lechlade, Gloucester, barrister-at-law, left £19,332 gross, with net personality £13,395. He bequeathed £20 to Horace W. Wade, who generally waits on me at the First Avenue Hotel, £10 to the chef, "John" there, who has for some years pasted grilled food for me, and £20 to the man, by birth a Czech, who has cut my hair for over 40 years at the hairdresser's shop in Walbrook.

NOT YET TRACED

The waiter, chef, and barber have not yet been traced and know nothing of their luck.

The First Avenue Restaurant has not been functioning for five years and Walbrook was almost wiped out in the early air raids on London.

In his 284th will Sir Henry John Gauvain, of Alton, Hants, surgeon and specialist in tuberculosis, left his Chinese cocktail cabinet "fully charged" to Charles E. M. Jones, "in memory of many happy times spent together."

He also requested his daughter, who receives the residue of the estate after a number of bequests, to assist any native-born derelict person whose family have for three generations past belonged to the Isle of Alderney, whose family should be in need.

HE LIVED 7,000 YEARS AGO

An ancient skeleton, complete and in good condition, estimated to be about 7,000 years old, has been found at Kaar-kerdy Island, just off Oslo Fjord, the Norwegian News Agency said to-day.

The skeleton, one of the most interesting prehistoric finds in Norway in this century, was found in a granite cleft.

Any Soviet factory official allowing youths to work overtime, or with-holding the regular leave periods, will be prosecuted, said Moscow Radio to-day.

Cardboard Houses

A SPECIALLY thick and very solid cardboard is being used in Karelia, Sov. Russia, to build temporary one-story houses and bungalows, said the Soviet News Agency to-day.

The new material is several times cheaper and much lighter than wood, the Agency said. Its insulating capacity compares favourably with bricks, keeping houses warm in winter and cool in summer.

Output, when fully developed, will be for about 18,000 houses a year. A second factory is being planned to build 50,000 houses a year.—Reuter.

CLOTHES COUPONS FOR CHILDREN

Ten May be Used in August

Ten coupons from the new children's clothing books may be used from August 1—a month ahead of the normal time—says the Board of Trade.

The coupons which will then become valid are the eight blue coupons and the two groups of four quarter coupons, but not the token marked "D"—on Page IIIa of the 1945-6 Child's (CB 2/8) and Junior (CB 4/8) Clothing Books.

These coupons represent the normal extra ration for all children under 16.

They are being made available a month ahead of the general new clothing ration.

No other coupons in these books and none in adult clothing books—CB 1/8—can be used before September 1.

Additional supplements for older children and those who are big for their age will again be used as follows:

Age Supplements.—Available from Sept. 1. Ten coupons for children born January to July, 1929, inclusive. Twenty coupons for children born August, 1929, to December, inclusive.

The issue of supplementary coupons to children who qualified for them by age in the 1944-45 period will cease on July 31, 1945, after which date no new applications for the 1944-45 period will be considered. The supplementary coupons already issued will remain valid.

Size Supplements.—Available from October 1. Twenty coupons for children born in or after 1932 who are big for their ages and who qualify by weight or measurement.

These supplements are being made available from October after children likely to qualify have been weighed and measured at school.

SEA "MONSTER" NOT DERRICK

The crew of the salvage steamer Black Eagle, who claimed to have seen a "sea monster" off the Tyne a few days ago, refute the suggestion that a derelict derrick had been mistaken by them for a "monster."

Skipper Andrew Lowrie and his crew maintain that they did see a "monster."

How could a derrick float against the tide? "Is the question they asked."

The monster was swimming against the tide and further, a derrick has not a broad base.

STUB OUT CIGARETTE ENDS

Dropped cigarette ends and lighted matches have caused serious fires to farm property and produce, states the Ministry of Agriculture, who appeal to everyone living and working in the country to take every precaution to prevent destruction.

Carelessness with bonfires has also been responsible for damage to crops. "Volunteers at camps, boys and girls at school agricultural camps and holidaymakers are all asked to be careful. Every scrap of food is needed," the Ministry adds.

BRITISH BACON MARKET

Canada hopes to retain at least 30 or 40 per cent of the bacon market in the United Kingdom after the war, despite competition from Denmark and other European countries, said Ottawa Radio to-day.

"During some of the war years Britain depended on Canada for almost the whole of her bacon supply."—Reuter.

FOR SIGHT TESTING SEE PIERCE

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